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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: POSSIBLE MEETING ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

1. AMBASSADOR LEONARD REVIEWED WITH AMBASSADOR HERZOG (ISRAEL) ON OCTOBER 19 CURRENT STATUS OF EXCHANGES BETWEEN U.S. AND ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES PLUS OTHERS ON POSSIBLE SC MEETING ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE. HERZOG EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THE BRIEFING. HE NOTED THAT HE GATHERED FROM HIS MEETING WITH SC PRESIDENT JAIPAL (INDIA) YESTERDAY THAT LATTER CONSIDERED A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ALMOST UNAVOIDABLE. JAIPAL ADDED THAT A POSSIBLE SCENARIO BEING DISCUSSED PROVIDED FOR A SINGLE SESSION IN WHICH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ALONE WOULD SPEAK. FOLLOWING THE CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS THE REPORT WOULD BE TAKEN NOTE OF IN SOME FORM BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE MEETING WOULD ADJOURN. HERZOG TOLD JAIPAL THAT HE COULDN'T  
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OBJECT TO THIS SCENARIO. THE ISRAELI POSITION IS THAT THE COMMITTEE AND EVERYTHING ASSOCIATED WITH IT IS ENTIRELY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND DOES NOT WARRANT AN ISRAELI RESPONSE. THE COMMITTEE IS IMMATERIAL AND UNIMPORTANT. HERZOG TOLD JAIPAL HE WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN A SC DEBATE ON THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE.

2. HERZOG CONTINUED THAT HIS VIEW AS EXPRESSED TO JAIPAL ON THIS MATTER WAS TO DO WHATEVER JAIPAL WANTED AND "A PLAGUE ON ALL YOUR HOUSES." HE COMMENTED PERSONALLY THAT SINCE AN SC MEETING SEEMS INEVITABLE BEST COURSE WAS TO MEET BRIEFLY, "TAKE NOTE OF THE REPORT OR WHATEVER" AND THUS CONCLUDE THE MATTER.

3. HERZOG ALSO NOTED THAT JAIPAL SUGGESTED AN ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO IN WHICH FOLLOWING A BRIEF SESSION OF THE COUNCIL HEARING ONLY CHAIRMAN FALL, THE COUNCIL WOULD ADJOURN SINE DIE. WE REPLIED THAT COMMITTEE OF SEVEN CHAIRMAN AL-SHIHABI HAD MENTIONED TO US ADJOURNMENT SINE DIES SCENARIO AS A POSSIBLE OPTION. OBVIOUS ADVANTAGE TO ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE WOULD BE THE AVOIDANCE OF VOTING OR TAKING POSITION ON PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT EITHER OF WHICH COULD PROVE A SETBACK OR FRUSTRATION TO ARABS AND TO WESTERN MEMBERS OF SC.

4. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, EGYPTIAN DIPLOMAT AMR MOUSSA INFORMED US THAT ARAB GROUP AT ITS MEETING LATE ON OCTOBER 18 AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN MAINTAINING THE SCHEDULE OF AN OCTOBER 25 MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. HOWEVER, ARAB GROUP DID NOT REACH DECISION ON PROCEDURE OUTCOME OF MEETING. IF MEETING INEVITABLE, EGYPT IS CONSIDERING SCENARIO IN WHICH FALL MAKES PRESENTATION WITH PLO PRESENT AT SC TABLE BUT PLO DOES NOT RPT NOTE SPEAK NOR DOES ANYONE ELSE, AND THEN  
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SC ADJOURNS. (NOTE: UNDER EITHER RULE 37 OR 39, THE PURPOSE OF INVITING NON-SC MEMBERS TO THE SC TABLE IS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL. TO BE INVITED TO THE TABLE AND TO REMAIN SILENT ADDS A NEW PARADOXICAL ELEMENT TO THE SC PROCEDURAL RULES. US PROTESTS OF PLO PARTICIPATION IN THE PAST WERE BASED ON THE ANTICIPATION THE PLO'S SPEAKING. PLO PRESENCE, SHOULD SUCH OCCUR, PROVIDES A MORE NARROW BASIS FOR OUR OBJECTION).

5. NEXT STEP WILL BE AMBASSADOR LEONARD'S MEETING WITH JAIPAL LATER TODAY. SC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE HAS SCHEDULED CONSULTATIONS OF THE FULL COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 20 AT 11:00 A.M. ON BOTH UNEF RENEWAL AND THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS ISSUE.  
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